

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 14th 2003

Fingal Radio Club trip to Telford

This years visit to Telford Radio Rally at RAF Museum Cosford was a huge success with all 12 on the trip agreeing it was a superb show. 11 travelled plus the coach driver, Mark, a son of the clubs usual driver Gerry Pembroke delivered the group there and back safely. Saturday the 30th of August was for travelling and the journey took about 4 hours stopping for a 30 minute break. B & B was the usual Lord Hill Guest House with evening dinner supplied on Saturday and it was a feast "fit for a King". After dinner some of the group went for a walk while others visited the local hostelrys.

After an equally large breakfast on the Sunday morning the group travelled to Cosford RAF Museum the home of the rally for the past few years. The journey of about 15 miles took about 25 minutes. On arrival the group were welcomed as old friends by the organisers. Exhibitors were up by 50% and punters by approx 300% with the organisers running out of car parking at about 1 p.m. The car parking space was about 7 acres in total so you can imagine the amount of people attending.

All on trip were sorry to have to leave at 3 p.m. as the crowds were still very evident and realistically 2 days would be needed to look at all on display with the Radio and Computer gear plus the added bonus of numerous aircraft of all vintages.

Many thanks to all who travelled and if you wish to read a blow by blow account of the trip watch out for the next news letter!

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club were active for the International Lighthouse weekend on the 16th and 17th of August. They operated from the Tarbert Lighthouse in Co Kerry. A very successful weekend was had by all with some serious pileups on 40 metres. Conditions over the weekend were good with JA and VK worked. More DX could have been worked if it was not for the large number of European stations calling in.

It was a light hearted affair and the final tally was 624 QSOs and 54 Countries worked. All bands from 160 to 6 metres were in use. The Limerick Radio Club would like to thank John Edgeworth EI6IW for organising the weekend.

Limerick Radio Club would like to remind members that they are hosting the AGM of the IRTS on the 7th of March 2004. The location will be the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick. There will be a dinner held on the previous evening, which will give all attending a chance to meet up. There has been a good response from the UK in relation to attending. The rally on the Sunday will be as good as last year if not better. More news will follow soon.

Phoenix ARC Theory Classes

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club are planning a theory course leading to the Radio Experimenter Examination. Classes will be held in Coolmine on Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm. For further information contact Dan Lloyd at 01-8382774 or at [Daniellloyd @eircom.net](mailto:Daniellloyd@eircom.net).

South Dublin Radio Club

Classes in radio theory will commence in South Dublin Radio Club on Tuesday 23rd September, at 8.00 pm. Anyone interested in joining these classes is asked to come along, if possible, to the next club meeting, on Tuesday 16th September, so that the club can gauge the demand for classes. The classes will be held in the club QTH, which is the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

Members of South Dublin Radio Club participated in the recent SSB Field Day. The club was one of 7 groups who operated from the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Photos taken during the event can be seen on the club's web site at www.qsl.net/ei2sdr/

EI5EM Web Site

Tony, EI5EM is currently in the process of updating his Amateur Radio Pages on the QSL.NET server. A discussion message board has been added as part of the process. This is available to all amateurs who are seeking components, equipment or general information on any aspect of the hobby, including items for sale. It is hoped that the board will also be useful as a sounding board for personal views on amateur radio. Tony has started the ball rolling by posting his own views on the almost imminent demise of the Morse requirement for obtaining a licence.

The message board can be accessed as a link from Tony's website at qsl.net. The full address of the site is www.qsl.net/ei5em If you wish to use this free service please

confine postings to radio related topics and of course be courteous at all times.

Blarney Rally

This year the Blarney Rally will be held on Sun the 21st of September at the Blarney Park Hotel Co. Cork. The official website of the Blarney Rally is www.blarneyrally.com Blarney is just 2 miles from Cork and is accessible from all major routes.

MREN Rally

The 2003 Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday November the 16th in The Belmont Hotel, Knock, with doors opening at 11.00 a.m. Listeners will remember the success of the first Mayo rally last year, and the club are already hard at work to ensure a repeat success.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of the club will take place on Wednesday the 24th of September at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

The 2 metre voice repeater EI2WRC at Mt. Leinster remains off air for the moment. In the meantime, the IRTS Radio news from Waterford at 9.30 p.m. each Tuesday night will be read on 145.575 MHz. Updates will be announced soon.

Shannon Basin Radio Club Challenge.

The Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to thank all the clubs who participated, in the 2003 SSB Field Day contest held in St Josephs College, Garbally Park Grounds, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.

This was the first time that such a Field Day was held in the Shannon Basin region, and the club were very proud to be able to accommodate such a wonderful turn out, from clubs who came from far and near.

It is hoped that all who participated and visited Ballinasloe for the field day enjoyed themselves, as the club are hoping to host the 2004 SSB event.

The Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to say a special word of thanks to Fr Niall

Foley EI4CF Vice President of Garbally College, who very kindly made the Grounds and services available for this special event.

The Shannon Basin Radio club is running a one day Open, Fixed, Challenge for EI residence. This challenge is open to all licenced operators and short wave listeners, and will be held annually on the First Sunday of November. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage radio operators and short wave listeners to be active on the H.F bands.

The challenge will have three modes of operation, and the winner in each mode will be awarded with the following;

The Lough Allen Shield will be awarded to the highest score in SSB. The Lough Ree Shield will be awarded to the highest score in CW (A1A). The Lough Derg Shield will be awarded to the highest score for SWL. The above winners will also receive a personal trophy.

To receive a copy of the rules for the above challenge, please send a stamped address envelope to the contest manager EI6HW, Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath or e-mail nfmulvihill@eircom.net.

It is very important that persons intending to compete must send notification 10-days prior to the contest date, so get a copy of the rules early.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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